THE MINISTER OF STATE OF"THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.The report is in respect of damages caused to state roads. This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. Development and maintenance of State roads other than National Highways is the responsibility of the State Government. Central Government does not oversee the repair works on state roads. The stretches of National Highways damaged in the cyclone of 1999 and flood of 2001 have already been made traffic worthy.

Four Lanning of National Highways

306. SHRI B.J.-PANDA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report captioned 'India finally set to move into the fast lane' which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 23rd December, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of National Highways which have been four-lanned and other which are yet to be four-lanned by 2007, with outlay involved;

(c) the details of those passing through Orissa; and

(d) the details of the employment generated till the end 2002, and that which would be generated on completion by 2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

, (b) The news item is on National Highway Development Project (NHDP), which is under implementation by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and has two components. The present status of NHDP is as under:—

(I) Golden Quadrilateral Project (GQ)

(i) Total Length : 5846 km

(ii) Already 4-laned : 1327 km

(iii) Yet to be 4-laned:

a) Under Implementation 4383 km

b) To be awarded 136 km

(II) North-South & East-West Corridor Project

(i) Total Length 7300 km

(ii) Already 4-laned 616 km

(iii) Yet to be 4-laned:

a) Under Implementation : 430 km

b) To be awarded : 5812 km

The estimated cost of GQ and North-South & East- West Component is Rs. 54,000 Crores at 1999 prices.

Port Connectivity and Other Projects

Improvement of connectivity to major ports in the country and four-laning of some other National Highway sections are also being done by NHAI and its status is as under:—

(i) Total Length : 1000 km

(ii) Already 4-laned 209 km

(iii) Yet to be 4-laned:

a) Under Implementation : 275 km

b) To be awarded 532 km The

estimated cost is Rs. 4,000 crores

(c) As per details given enclosed statement *(See* below).

(d) The estimated generation of employment upto 2002 due to the implementation of NHDP is 10 crore man-days. The total employment potential expected to be generated upto 2007 is 40 crore man-days.

Statement

Details of 4-laning of National Highway Development of Project passing through Orissa State

Golden Quadrilateral

SI. No.	Stretch	NH	Length (in km)	Status
1	Laxmannath-Baleshwar km 0-km 53.41	60	53.41	Under Implementation
2	Bridges Section kmO-km 119.275 Kharagpur-Baleshwar	60	0.00	Under Implementation
3	Balasore-Bhadrak km 136.5-km 199.14	5	62.64	Under Implementation
4	Bhadrak-Chandikhole km 61-km 136	5	75.50	Under Implementation
5	Bridges Section km 199-km 61 Balaslore-Chandikhole	5	11.59	Under Implementation
6	Chandikhole-Jagatpur km 28-km 61	5	27.80	4-laned
7	Jagatpur-Bhubneshwar km 0-km 28	5	28.00	4-laned
8	Bhubneshwar-Khurda km 387.7-km 418	5	26.30	Under Implementation
9	Khurda-Sunakhala km 388-km 338	5	52.06	Under Implementation
10	Sunakhala-Ganjam km 336-km 284	5	55.71	Under Implementation
11	Ganjam-lcchapuram km 284-km 223	5	50.80	Under Implementation

Port Connectivity

1	Paradip Port	5A	74.00	Work to be awarded